



(U) Changes Underway at DoJ

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Justice Dept. now sees countering terrorism as their top duty; interaction with NSA changing (U)

(U) Just like the rest of the world after 11 September 2001, the Department of Justice (DoJ) also changed. Then-Attorney General (AG) John Ashcroft issued a memorandum that shifted the Department's primary focus from " *investigating* and *prosecuting* past crimes to identifying threats of future terrorist acts, *preventing* them from happening, and punishing would-be perpetrators for their plans of terror." In other words, the emphasis had shifted from *Prosecution* to *Prevention*. The AG's memo highlighted three major areas that underpin these efforts to disrupt and prevent terrorist acts:

- information sharing,
- information analysis, and
- coordination

(U) Sounds familiar, right? These areas either complement or mirror many of our own NSA/CSS Transformation 2.0 activities.

(C) Attorney General preference also guides the type of support given to DoJ by the SID External Representative (SID Rep). For example, Janet Reno preferred delivery of a daily SIGINT briefing book, but John Ashcroft did not. With the confirmation of a new AG, DoJ intelligence support preference and tasking to the SID Rep may soon change again.

(S//SI) As you would expect, functions for the SID Rep at DoJ, located in the Office of Intelligence Policy and Review (OIPR), have evolved to meet this changing customer focus. How? By moving from traditional SIGINT Intelligence Analyst (IA) primary functions such as retrieving, reviewing, and distributing daily SIGINT products, to a more representational role that is a combination of ombudsman, problem solver, and facilitator. For example, the SID Rep is the "connectivity point" in OIPR for both the NSA Office of General Counsel (OGC) and the Counterterrorism (CT) FISA** Team (S2I04).

(U) IT Changes -- Faster Delivery of SIGINT Products/ Services

(S//SI) Technology changes and better IT connectivity are giving DoJ a measure of SIGINT self-sufficiency. OIPR has had the ability for some time to pull NSA SIGINT product (plus other Intelligence Community daily reports) via JWICS and Intelink. Now, DoJ Criminal Division (CRM) is exploring similar capabilities -- JWICS is about to go operational in the Counterterrorism Section, and other CRM Sections may come on-line in the future. These changes give DoJ the ability to quickly tailor all SIGINT requests to particular Section interests, or to meet ad hoc requirements or crises.

(U//FOUO) The true "constant" during all these changes - customer sets - mission focus - leadership - is the delivery of NSA SIGINT support for DoJ through the SID Rep and Account Manager partner in Customer Gateway.

(U) And now the editorial :

(U) The "SECRET" Stuff (Location, Location, Location)

(U) I wouldn't want this secret to get around, but D.C. is an awesome place to work, and the DoJ location is an outstanding starting point for exploration. I can walk out the Constitution Avenue exit, cross the street, and walk directly into the Smithsonian Natural History Museum.

The end of the same block is home to a wildflower/butterfly garden with shady benches for a spring lunchtime respite. Cross the street from the butterfly garden and you enter the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden (don't groan) -- some of the sculptures are actually fun, and the park is beautiful. The Sculpture Garden has a huge water fountain that becomes an ice rink during winter. All this is less than three minutes from DoJ's front door. As they say, there are many more stories in the city, but those will have to wait for another day.

(U) Oh, one more thing. When I come to work every morning, I get a brief glimpse of "what it's all about." As the Orange Line Metro rounds the bend from Minnesota Avenue -- especially this time of year when the sun is just over the horizon -- both the U. S. Capitol and the Washington Monument briefly appear, gleaming in the sunlight.

(U//FOUO) The NSA team which supports the DoJ:

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Footnote:

** (U) FISA = Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act

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